

Army Changes Tune on Joliet Arsenal Project

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Washington, Sept. 28 (Copley Press Leased Wire)—The army department today hedged on its earlier denials that an ordnance office building, capable of housing a staff of 1,800 clerks, was in immediate prospect for the Joliet Arsenal.

An army public information officer said the report, current in Joliet for several weeks, "can not be confirmed at this time."

Previously the ordnance section had said the building, part of the plan for dispersing vital defense functions beyond the threat of atomic destruction in Washington, was "only in the tentative planning stage."

It was hinted by an army source that "if and when an announcement is made it may come from political sources, probably a senator or a congressman."